



August 16, 2019

Regional Freedom of Information Officer  
U.S. EPA, Region 1 (OARM01-6)  
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**Re: Freedom of Information Act Request**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552, and section 104(e)(7)(A) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. Section 9604(e)(7)(A),<sup>1</sup> I am requesting copies and/or access to records held at EPA's Region 1 office concerning the Lonsdale Bleachery Superfund site in Lincoln, Rhode Island.

[https://response.epa.gov/site/site\\_profile.aspx?site\\_id=1004](https://response.epa.gov/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=1004)

*Requested Documents*

The primary records of interest are the responses of several companies, located in Rhode Island, to requests for information made by EPA to these parties pursuant to section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA, commonly referred to as Superfund). The parties in question include the following:

- BASF Corporation
- Ciba-Geigy Corporation
- Geigy Chemical Corporation
- Alrose Chemical Company
- FDC Industries LLC
- FDS Industries LLC
- FDSD Industries, LLC
- Isochem
- Paragon
- Furane Products
- Furane Products Isochem Operations

We are also seeking any other documents submitted to the EPA by these parties concerning the composition of the waste materials these parties sent to the Lonsdale Bleachery site, or any

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<sup>1</sup> The relevant statutory text provides that: "Any records, reports, or information obtained from any person under this section (including records, reports, or information obtained by representatives of the President) shall be available to the public, [except for trade secrecy claims]. Trade secrecy claims are restricted by section 104(e)(7)(F).

analyses by the EPA, state, or a government contractor about the composition of the parties' waste materials.

*Request Information*

History Associates requests the release of the above materials pursuant to FOIA and pursuant to section 104(e)(7)(A) of CERCLA. To the extent EPA decides to withhold any document(s), we ask that all reasonably segregable factual portions of these documents be released, consistent with FOIA practice. We also ask that if any materials are withheld or redacted, we be provided an index showing the basis under FOIA for each such redaction or withholding. We also note that most materials submitted to EPA under section 104(e) of CERCLA are required to be made available to the public, and that claims of trade secrecy are severely limited by section 104(e)(7).

History Associates agrees to pay all reasonable and standard processing fees authorized by 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4)(A) and the applicable regulations up to \$250. Should the fees exceed this amount, please call me with an estimate of the total costs in order that specific expenditures beyond \$250 can be authorized.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please contact me at (301) 279-9697 or via email at [HBergen@historyassociates.com](mailto:HBergen@historyassociates.com).

Sincerely,

Hilary Bergen